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TO : The Director

DATE: January 27, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DML*

SUBJECT: ~~(S)~~ (U) REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM [redacted]
RELATING TO [redacted]

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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You will recall that under date of December 12, 1947, Mr. Coyne prepared a memorandum addressed to me in which he set forth certain information concerning the above-captioned subject matter. He noted that we continue to receive requests from [redacted] relating to [redacted] and that, in view of your remarks concerning the handling of these requests, it was desirable that the manner in which future requests would be handled be decided upon. Six recommendations were made concerning the handling of these future requests and at the present time you have these recommendations under consideration.

Numerous requests falling within the category relating to [redacted] are still being received from [redacted]. In many instances, such requests contain statements or allegations unsubstantiated by fact. Very often, the Bureau is requested to conduct investigations on behalf of [redacted] authorities based upon such unsubstantiated statements. The following are cited as examples of this: ~~(S)~~ (U).

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[redacted]

It may be noted that the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation was required to register as an agent of a foreign principal by the Department of Justice, and that any information which [redacted] authorities might have concerning the organization would naturally be of interest to the Bureau, as well as to the Department of Justice, and probably, also, the Department of State. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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It should be noted here that no other ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[REDACTED] No other identifying data were furnished concerning [REDACTED]
by [REDACTED] authorities and, on the basis of the name alone, no record
could be located in the Bureau. After setting out only the above quoted
information, this [REDACTED] memorandum then concludes: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In view of the above, it is believed desirable to have this matter
discussed with a representative of [REDACTED] It is believed such a
discussion would be beneficial to the Bureau. In the first place, it might result
in a decrease in the number of requests received from [REDACTED] in
connection with [REDACTED] In this respect, it may be noted that
most of these requests ask that the Bureau conduct investigations which should
not be conducted in view of our policy to investigate only in those cases where
requests are made by the Department of Justice or the Department of State.
In the second place, it is felt that such a discussion would result in our receiving
concrete data rather than mere allegations when future requests are received
from [REDACTED] authorities. (S) (U)

RECOMMENDATION:

If it meets with your approval, it is recommended that Mr. Coyne
discuss the above situation with a representative of [REDACTED]
authorities. In this discussion it is recommended that Mr. Coyne explain the
Bureau's policy in regard to handling future requests concerning [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (S) (U)

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naturally be of interest to the Bureau, as well as to the Department of Justice, and probably, also, the Department of State.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It should be noted here that no other identifying information is furnished concerning either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In view of the fact that more than one [REDACTED] is known to the Bureau, it is not possible to determine who is meant by [REDACTED] authorities. The memorandum from [REDACTED] authorities then continues: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No reason is given by [REDACTED] authorities showing why this conclusion is drawn. In this particular [REDACTED] memorandum, the Bureau is requested to furnish any information which can be provided concerning [REDACTED] (S) (U)

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[REDACTED] No information is furnished by [REDACTED] authorities concerning [REDACTED] but the statement is then made: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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the investigation which was conducted for State or Justice as the case may be. (S) (U)

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5. If we receive a request from [] which would ordinarily necessitate investigation and there is no request on the same subject for either State or Justice, we will, unless advised to the contrary, inform both State and Justice of the request in question and we will, at the same time, advise both agencies that we contemplate taking no action on that request in the absence of a request to the contrary. This procedure will be followed unless the information received from [] indicates a violation over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction. In such cases an investigation will be conducted just as though the information had been received from any complainant or informant, although the results of the investigation will not necessarily be furnished to [] authorities. (S) (U)

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6. In the few cases we still have pending wherein we have conducted some investigation for [] and there is still other investigation outstanding, we shall, unless advised to the contrary, complete the outstanding investigation. When the results thereof are received, they will be set forth in a proposed memorandum to [] and that memorandum will be called to the Director's attention prior to its transmittal. (S) (U)

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[] It may be noted that the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation was required to register as an agent of a foreign principal by the Department of Justice, and that any information which [] authorities might have concerning the organization would

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